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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF A DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This replies to the Notification of a Defective Response mailed on 21 June 2001. A copy of the Notification (Form PCT/DO/EO/916) is enclosed.

The Notification of a Defective Response indicates that the Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed on 4 June 2001 is not in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.497(a) and (b), because it does not identify the inventor, Makiko Hiraoka.

Applicants wish to clarify that since the filing of this international application, the fifth named inventor Makiko HIROAKA has married. Her married name is Makiko MARUMO. Ms. Hiroaka executed the Declaration under her married name, Marumo. Enclosed is Ms. Marumo's certified family register, along with a sworn translation into English.

Accordingly, Applicants believe that the Declaration filed on 4 June 2001 satisfies the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.497(a)(b).

Respectfully submitted,

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